

Harry Carey Ranch, Upper Garage
(Building No. 7)
28515 San Francisquito Canyon Road
Saugus
Los Angeles County
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Location: 28515 San Francisquito Canyon Road, Saugus, Los Angeles County, California. UTM Coordinates: 11.0357175.3815448

Significance: This building is a contributing element of the Harry Carey Ranch Historic District. The district is associated with the historically significant life and work of the film star Harry Carey Sr., as described in the accompanying narrative report.

Description: The Upper Garage (Building 7) is located southwest of the Ranch House (Building 5) on the Harry Carey Ranch. Set into the hillside on a concrete slab foundation, this building has suffered extensive damage, probably from the Northridge earthquake of 1994. The one-story adobe garage is square in plan with each side approximately 20 feet in length. The garage is covered with a front-gable, wood shake roof. The projecting eaves have exposed rafters on the east and western sides. Wood fascia boards and lapped horizontal wood siding encloses the gable ends. Roof eaves and trusses are exposed at the interior. Fenestration appears to have consisted of three windows on the northwest and southeast sides and two windows on the southwest side. All that remains of these openings is wood framing and lapped wood siding that at one time covered the openings. The garage lacks a door; the northeast side of the building is open. The double course of adobe bricks that form the walls are approximately 7'-½" wide, 1'-3" long and 4" thick and are laid in a cement mortar and finished with a whitewash. Harry Carey's brand, "HC," is incised in the concrete slab of driveway at the door opening.

History: While the main house was constructed in late 1932 or early 1933, there is no known record of the exact completion date of Building 7. The Upper Garage was built prior to the main house; tax assessor records of 1925 show an adobe building of exact dimensions as the Upper Garage.¹ This is further supported by a pre-1928 post card (Figure 1) depicting this building. Although this building is constructed of adobe, stylistically, the front gable roof with lapped wood siding at gable ends mimic the bungalow-style house that was the original residence on this property but which was destroyed by a fire in 1932.

¹ Property Records, County of Los Angeles Office of the Assessor; Leslie Heumann and Helen Wells, "Historic Resources Inventory: Harry Carey Ranch Historic District," DPR523 forms on file with California Office of Historic Places (July 6, 1993).

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Sources: Real Property Records, County of Los Angeles Office of the Assessor, December 2000.

Harry Carey, Jr., January 26, 2001. Durango, CO. Telephone interview by Meta Bunse, JRP Historical Consulting Services. Davis, CA.

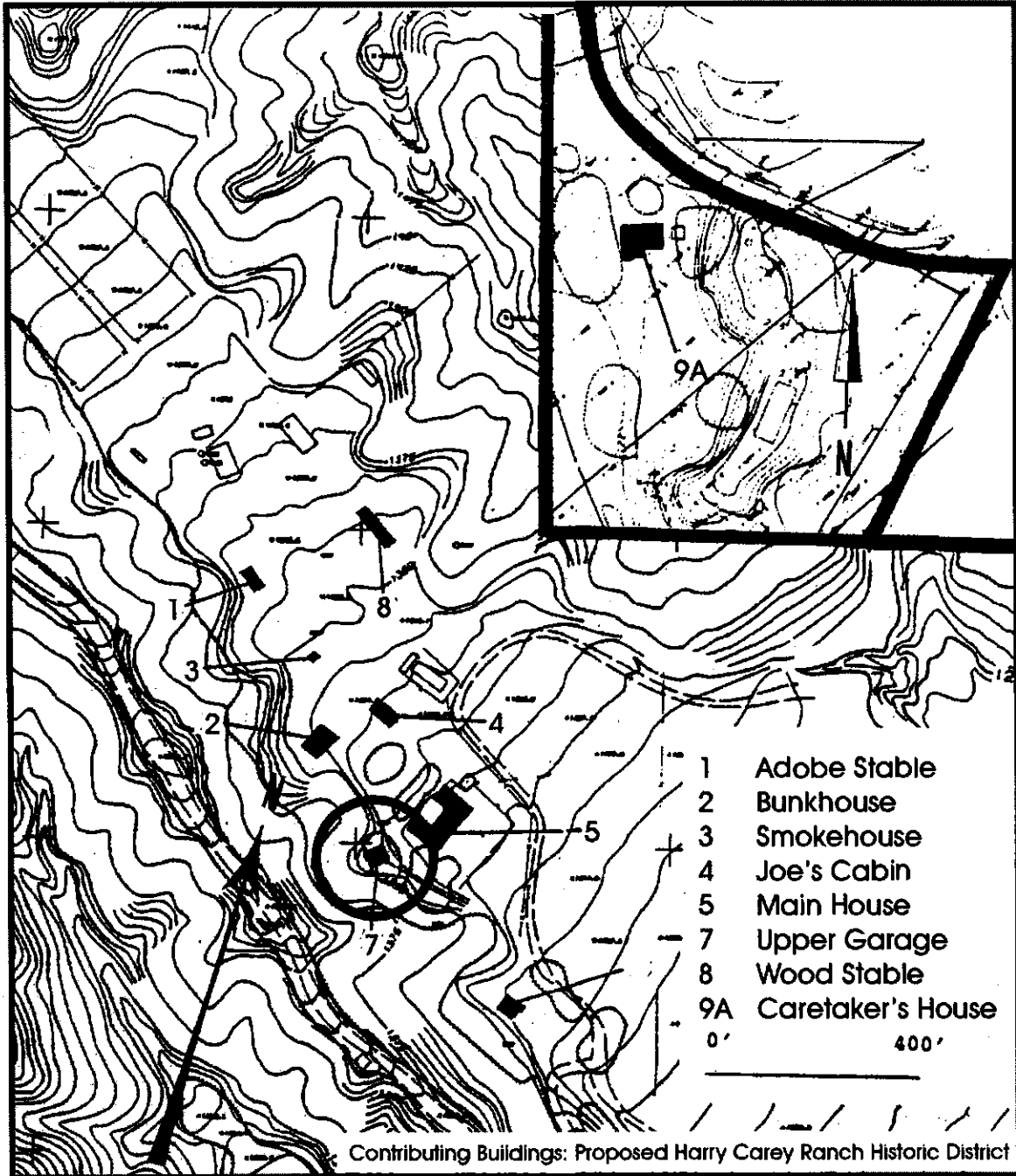
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"View of Ranch: Harry Carey Trading Post, Saugus, California," n.d. [ca. 1920s], Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society, www.scvhhistory.com

Project Information: The Los Angeles District Army Corps of Engineers, in consideration of a Section 404 Clean Water Act permit for the Tesoro Del Valle Project in Los Angeles County, California, found that the Tesoro del Valle Project, would have an effect on the Harry Carey Ranch Historic District, a property eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. With this finding of effect, the Corps, pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the California State Historic Preservation Officer (in concurrence with Montalvo Properties, LLC) regarding the historic Harry Carey Ranch property. In compliance with the MOA, the Upper Garage (Building 7) is slated for demolition.

Historian: Meta Bunse, JRP Historical Consulting Services, 2001.

LOCATION MAP



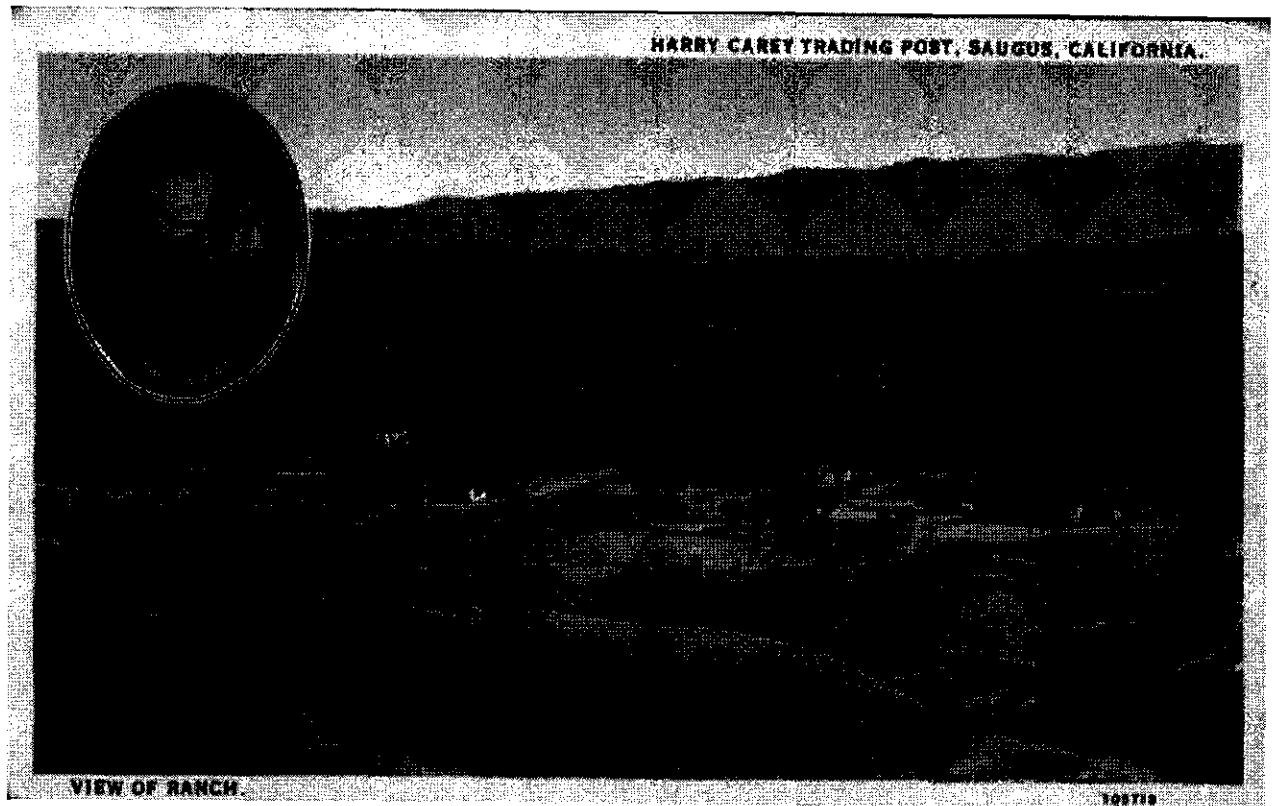


Figure 1. Post Card depicting the ranch circa 1920s.